learned some time ago been installed at The Hague for sev-

less.

majesty on this point have been fruit-

within the gates. Von Grobelaar will

matters. You can trust him implicit

Good morning, Mr. Lane.

The thought of meeting Clothilde

sent the blood coursing wildly through

Paul's veins. He hurried home, pack-

steamer landed him in Holland on

at once to the palace, and was soon

"I have received a communication from Lord Tresham," he said. "He

features and manner, so that I am

confident that you are the person whom

will appreciate the necessity of these

precautions when I tell you that Hol-

land is facing the greatest crisis in

we know enough to be aware that it

centers upon the Princess Juliana, and

it will be effected tomorrow evening

as soon as the news is telephoned to

The Hague that her majesty has rati-

fled the treaty which is now pending

with Germany. Your task will be to

to act under my orders as the princess

lously the Princess Clothilde, who is

quite well known to be an agent of

the League, and who, unhappily, was

placed in charge of the princess' mu-

sical tuition by her majesty, in spite

"Come, now," he added, "and I will introduce you to her highness."

the old minister along the main corri-

ace, until they entered the royal apart-

scales were heard as soon as the heavy

swing doors were opened, and Von Grobelaar led Paul into the music

room, where, seated upon a high stool,

under the direction of Clothilde, who

chair.

her head.

sat beside her on a straight-backed

The entrance of the two caused an

immediate cessation of the lesson. The

the other princess, she of Austria, rose and stood looking at Paul defiantly.

"Mr. Lane and I are old acquaint-

ances," murmured Clothilde, inclining

During the remainder of that day the

four never left one another. They seemed inspired by mutual distrust.

Under other circumstances, it would

ously upon the wishes of a child that

devoted its nampered day to playing

with an enormous collection of toys-

bricks, dolls of all kinds-and throw-

"Monsieur, I learn that you have left

the League," she said, in a tone of in-

it," she said. "Monsieur, I, too, was un-

She was trying to disarm his suspi-

"Monsieur Lane is still suspicious

In another moment he would have

of me?" she asked mockingly. She

came close to him and stood

With a beating heart Paul followed

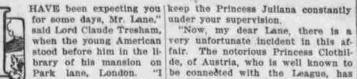
of all our representations.

You are

you represent yourself to be.

When the queen's mind is made

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that you had ceased to be eral weeks as the Princess Juliana's associated with the League. Sit down music teacher. She has completely and tell me precisely why."

Paul Lane answered with some ve and all representations made to her

"I was, as you probably know, induced to place my services and my for-tune at the League's disposal by Her respect she is a true Netherlander. Highness Princess Clothilde," he be- And her majesty, unfortunately, has "I say 'service and fortune' al- the most complete confidence in though I believe that only the latter the Princess Clothilde, So you will have was required by the minds at the to regard the princess as an enemy back of the organization. At first I was unaware of this. I threw myself with enthusiasm into the cause."

That enthusiasm of you Americans ly. will yet be the cause of your country's will report to me here five days hence downfall," answered Lord Claude, "But at the same hour." please pardon the interruption. You found things different from what you again, matching himself against her, had been led to expect?"

I had been told that the League was an international association for promoting the principles of train for Harwich, whence a fast League was an international associa-I found it to be an anarchistic body, controlled by men of the following morning. That afternoon whose identity I was never informed. he reached The Hague and he drove I worked in the dark, and they spent my money-some three millions of doj- in consultation with Von Grobelaar. lars-also in the dark. Finally, when the princess proposed that I should organize a conspiracy against my own has described you thoroughly, both in country, which would have led to the absorption of all the Pacific coast states by a hostile power, I severed my

connection. And so-" "You have come to me to offer to place your services and your knowledge of affairs at the disposal of the all her checkered history. Its pre-counter-organization?" said Lord cise nature is still unknown to us, but Lord cise nature is still unknown to us, but "I think you have acted wisely, Mr. Lare. The League is nothing but a criminal society, led by some of the younger and least influential of Europe's rulers. Under the cloak of devotion to monarchy-and no one believes more in that principle than I. for I am secretary of what is called, I guard the little princess. believe, the Black Cabinet of Rulersas I was saying, Mr. Lane, under this guardian until her majesty returns. In pretense the League has united all the particular, you are to watch scrupucriminal and anarchistic elments in Europe against the established order I welcome you and trust that we shall deal with you more frank-ly than your late friends did."

Lord Claude dismissed Paul Lane cordially soon after, promising to call upon him as soon as the need for his services developed.

The summons from Lord Claude came more speedily than either man dor of the old-fashioned, rambling palhad anticipated. When, a few mornings after, Paul went to the secretary's ments. Sounds of a child practicing house by invitation, he found him pacing the floor of his study in what in any other man would have been marked agitation. In Lord Claude, however, this mood evinced itself only by the royal princess was fingering a sharper manner of speech than his small keyboard with her tiny fingers, habitual drawl and certain nervous movements of the hands.

"I am glad you have come so promptly, Mr. Lane," said Lord Claude. "I want you to go upon a mission of the utmost delicacy. I have not forgotten how you outwitted me in the matter of the other princess, she of Austria, rose the kaiser's visit to Paris, when you were with our enemies and if any man can clear up this situation, I know you

He handed Paul a cigarette, lit it, and resumed.

"Trouble is brewing in Hollandvery serious trouble. Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina, as you doubtless have seemed comical to Paul for two are aware, when she ascended the men and two women to attend laborithrone at the age of eighteen, became fascinated by the ideals of the League, and for a time assisted in its councils when her eyes had been opened to the true nature of this body, she lng them aside as it grew tired of each. withdrew from all participation in its But to Paul the situation was fraught schemes, thereby incurring the dead- with ghastly mockery. It was not unly hostility of the society. You are til the little princess was safely in aware of course, that her majesty vis-bed, under the guardianship of the its Berlin on the fifth, in order to dis-capable nurse, that Paul found himself cuss with the kaiser the proposed forti- for a few moments alone with Clofication of Flushing, a measure which thilde. he has inspired and which gives cause

for considerable anxiety to England. "Certain patriots of Holland, consid- quiry which startled him ering that the queen, in visiting Berlin, has betrayed her country, are planning a counter-measure, aided, of able to acquiesce in the demands made ourse by the ubiquitous League. What upon me. So now, you see me here, a this is we do not know. We know only revolutionary turned courtier, a humone fact-that it is to center around bie music teacher to the Princess Juthe Princess Juliana, her majesty's liana." five-year-old daughter, and heir to the Dutch throne. It may be the plan to cions; Paul saw that, and though he proclaim her queen in her mother's strove to conceal his knowledge of it, place; it may be something more das he could see that she knew, tardly. That is what we have to discover-and we rely on you to do it,

"There is no fear of a coup d'etat, for, during the queen's absence, to ing up at him, her arms at her formation, and Paul was no more at all, but written in ink, and so finely he had regained his self-control in men and women, murderer," he gether with her bushand, the palace sides, her lips temptingly close, "Mon-phlegmatic than most men. He did done that it would have passed for some measure that he was able to screamed. "You were not put here to will be guarded by two regiments of sieur has not repented of the harsh and What treachery is cruel words he said to me when we loyal troops. planned must be consummated by met last?" stealth. Your task will be to go o the palace, arriving on the fifth, im- caught her in his arms. mediately after her majesty has left. then the door opened and the minis-You will remain there until the eighth. ter came slowly in. The princess start- His first search was for the royal muone hour before the queen's return ed round, an angry look upon her face; the, of course, knows nothing of this. then, recovering her self possession You will deliver your credentials to with amazing swiftness, she burst ly beneath his apartment, except that, Von Grobelaar, the Dutch minis- into laughter. tetr for home affairs, who will be in attendance at the palace; you will she said, "that I am a revolutionary the princess and her nurses." It was experiences with the League: the most minute pieces he could discover noth- dykes are safe. I cut that wire last take up your quarters there and will turned courtier. I believe that Mon-devoted to the storage of articles and trivial matters often prove the origing further,

Schooled as he was in diplomacy, Von Grobelaar could not help starting. This was the first allusion made in he palace, except in his own talk with Paul that morning, to what everyone

"But let me say, Mynheer," went on Clothilde, "that I, for one, hope with all my heart that the German treaty will be ratified, and that tomorrow night we shall hear the good news by And in proof of my own good intentions, I request that, as soon as the news is verified. Her Highness the Princess Juliana may be permitted to play the Dutch National anthem upon the old state harpsichord in the oyal museum."

the plans of the conspirators."

"Thank you, mademolselle," said Von Grobelaar coldly. "I am sure that the museum can be placed at your disposal if you desire it.

"Now, I wonder what deviltry

"You do not trust her?" asked Paul, won the favor of Queen Wilhelmina, shaken with miserable doubt. Von Grobelaar advanced and placed his hand in a kindly fashion upon the

Paul's feelings. thou "My boy," he said—"for you are age, only a boy compared with an old man doubtless post you on all necessary

was the old harpsichord which was England, and to which Clothilde had evidently referred

But why had the Princess Clothilde selected this as the instrument on which her infant charge was to play the Dutch national anthem?

He resolved to examine the harpsichord in order to determine whether it could be reasonably associated with sound should bring someone into the and set them upon their feet. From the design of Clothilde. For that, demuseum. They seemed exactly like his chair the old minister arose. He spite her denial, she was the center of the other black notes as he ran his walked slowly toward the instrument the conspiracy, he entertained no eye upon the keyboard. One had a -slowly, not because he was the less doubt whatever.

He half expected to encounter Clothat she would not be watching for afoot," said Von Grobelaar thought-dors were deserted, and, when he fool in the museum at midnight. He prince consort." reached the museum, he found that the door was unlocked. Inside a sinshoulder of the younger man. Per in the center of the room stood the old tention. He gasped with excitement, haps he surmised the true condition of harpsichord, wide open, its strings. The open string of the instrument though still serviceable, rusty with

key of C would, of course, never be morning stroil. played. This suggested to Paul a new line o'clock all were gathered in the of investigation. He bent over the queen's boudoir to await the expected keyboard and examined the recurring telephonic message from the ambas-F sharps minutely. They were of sador at Berlin.

black ivory. Paul tapped them softsmall chip or erosion on its surface anxious but because he was the more toward the bottom of the block. It fearful. He listened; then, after a thilde, bent upon the same nocturnal might have been designed to give errand. It seemed incredible to him some signal. But his reason revolted at this pettifogging. It told him that said, "I have the honor to announce just such a visit on his part, if, in-deed, there lay some sinister design different from others of that primitive treaty and left Berlin ten minutes ago, rose to go to his apartment. Something made him sit down again. Somegle electric light, burning over the thing in him rose up in intense warndoor, showed him the switch. And ing. Something bright caught his at-

The open string of the instrument brate the joyful news by playing the which communicated with this particular note was not rusted, as were It stood between one of the old the rest, but bright, metallic, and new. like myself—I trust few men and no state coaches and a curious wooden He ran his eye all over its shining sur-women in matters of state. A man is statue which, according to the printed face. He followed its course under bound by certain social codes. A story, which Paul spelled out with the veneered casing. Then he saw woman has no code in such matters some difficulty, had once stood in the that it ran down on the other side of

objects of no special intrinsic value, ins of weightlest actions. He read | Morning dawned after what seemed but much prized on account of their the piece through, note by note, and, an eternity. Breakfast was served historical associations. Among these at the end, found himself entirely bat- to Paul in his room, About ten o'clock fled. The only effect of the change of Von Grobelaar made his appearance said to have been used by William of key was that it involved the occasion and invited Paul to accompany the Orange, afterward William III. of al striking of F sharp, which, in the child princess and himself upon a

So the day were away.

At six-thirty the telephone rang with

oment, he hung up the receiver. "Mademoiselle and Gentlemen," he type; undoubtedly he was playing the accompanied by his royal highness the

For a full half minute nobody spoke Then Clothilde came forward.

"Mynheer —" she began, "Gentlemen," said Von Grobelaar, Her royal highness intends to cele-William of Orange.

They trooped down the grand stair-way, the Princess Juliana in the lead, whooping exultantly as she raced

along. There was not one wrong note. The princess played with no bad execution and her fingers instinctively felt for and found each separate key. what had begun as a prank ended differently, for the setting of the scene wrought itself upon the imagination of all present so that each eye was moist even Von Grobelaar's, and at the end he was swallowing hard. Paul saw Clothilde turn her head away; be ouched her lightly upon the shoulder and she started violently.

"You taught her all this yourself? he asked.

She stared at him like a madwoman and suddenly, brushing him aside, broke through the crowd, gained the passage outside, and ran down the corridor, sobbing violently. Paul turned to Von Grobelaar.

"I think that is the last we shall see of Mademoiselle," he said.

"Why?" asked the minister quickly. The crowd had dispersed outside the loor, whither they had been attracted by the Princess Clothilde's behavior, and they stared after her curiously. The little princess was resentfully complying with the admonitions of the head nurse concerning retiring time. Paul led Von Grobelaar to the harpsichord and showed him the new wire.

"I didn't understand," said Von Grobelaar, looking at Paul with the vague air of one absorbed in some abstract cogitation. "Do you know," he continued, "that the sight of her little highness there made mo feel like an old fool? When I think how many such princesses have grown up to be men and women -

'I beg your pardon," said Paul. Did you notice that wire? "I - what - which wire? Well, what of it?"

"I was here last night when the palace was asleep."
"Then, sir, you were grossly remiss

in your duty. You should have renained in your room." "Possibly," answered Paul drily,

But the fact remains that that wire runs out of the harpsichord and through that statue and into my "What!"

Von Grobelaar turned on him a face yellow with fear. He tottered and seemed about to fall.

"I didn't hear you, my friend. You spoke about some wire?" "That wire," repeated Paul indul-

gently, "connects with the chiffonier in her majesty's -"

"My God!" yelled the minister, and he dashed for the door. Along the corridor he ran, Paul hurrying after him. But, agile as he was, Paul could not catch the old minister until he came upon him at the door of his own apartment. Von Grobelaar did not seem to notice him. With one sweep of the hand he consigned the chiffonier cover to the floor, with Paul's hair-brushes, keys, collar-box and various small articles of baggage. He pressed a thumb-nail to the polished surface and tapped once. neered top slid back, disclosing an ivory button on which was printed, in tiny type, Groningen,

He stared at it and turned on Paul

like a madman. "It is all gone!" he yelled. "Holland is gone-dead-drowned under warks against the sea to pieces and written in G major.

This fact alone interested Paul considerably. The Dutch national sons living men and women. The queen and I, alone of sil Holland, knew thilde upon the stairway. It seemed where the secret lay. That was to be touched when Holland's foes were at the gates of the Hague. without arousing her suspicions. When I knew they meant to blow up dykes, but never dreamed they knew A guard the Princess Juliana. You were Why did Clothilde wish the princess, very short investigation showed him put here to prevent anyone entering that the wire passed through the floor and touching that button. I couldn't and into the body of the chiffenier. reveal the secret to you. I thought But just belaar's statement as to the location mentary character, to play the anthem But there it apparently ended. Paul you would be true to your trust. God in the key of G major? The question pulled out every drawer, inspected almighty, they found the secret and connected the wires below. And her

"Calm yourself," said Paul, gripping

majesty-Ah, God, I can almost hear

night." little later his office telephone rang the bed by feeling my way in the dark then I sat down and got my bearings and figured out how I had moved the furniture and just this moment fig-

> "Goodness, John," said a woman to her husband, "your suit looks as if you



CALLS FOR WORK OF EXPERT

City Once Properly Laid Out, Residents May Be Trusted to Develop and Beautify It.

A movement of the first importance and of great proportions is taking place among American cities, which, while it has not attracted any very marked degree of attention on the part of the general public, is yet one which will have lasting conse of the most beneficial character, writes author of "American City Planning," "Modern City Planning and Maintenance.

This movement, the replanning of cities, has only begun to take shape in this country in the last few years, but already great progress has been made, and plans of the most elaborate and magnificent character have been proposed.

The subject is one of such importance in the social, asthetic and practical betterment of cities that it is of vital interest not only to the city administrator, the engineer and the architect, but also to every citizen who has the advancement of his city's welfare at heart.

The work of the expert is to supervise the whole undertaking, to conceive the design and develop the plan; to direct the work of the engineering staff and that of the office as well. He the directing head of the whole undertaking, and working in harmony with the commission, should have a free hand to develop the best possible plan. In cases where more than one solution of the problem of the city's replanning is practicable, he should submit tentative plans for the further consideration of the commission and the public.

When the work of the expert has been completed a public exhibition should be held of the drawings and the plans and they should be subjected to the criticism of the public at large and discussed in public meetings and in the press.

The commission should then decide upon the plan to be adopted and the work then should be actually under-

## SAVE MONEY FOR TAXPAYERS

English Cities Draw Revenue From Exploitation of Municipal Property or Some Points of Interest.

Norwich, Eng., has converted the Norman keep of her castle into one of the finest museums in the country. and makes it minister in a small way to her rates; while the famous and beautiful Valley Bridge at Scarborough yields a yearly profit of about \$10,000 to the corporation for various town purposes. For a whole century Plymouth has been owner of her Theater Royal, ever since its foundation stone was laid by Mayor Lockyer in 1811, and its lease reduces the rates by considerably over \$5,000 a year.

The ratepayers of Birkenhead owe much relief to the famous ferry across the Mersey to Liverpool. It owns a fleet of many steamers, which, as carriers of goods and passengers, contribute, it is said, something like \$60,-000 a year to the municipal exchequer; the contribution to the rates during the last balf-century failing little short of half a million pounds. Liverpool makes from \$15,000 to \$20,000 by the annual exhibition of pictures in the Walker Art gallery. Already it is claimed that more than \$5,000,000 has gone to the city funds from this source alone in addition to the profits made In other directions, such as electricity works and the manufacture of concrete slabs for paving purposes. In fact, Liverpool is credited with making well over \$500,000 a year by its various enterprises.

Physical City Conferences.

Mankind is every day becoming more cosmopolitan, and perhaps a significant indication of this is to be seen in the number of congresses, both national and international, that have recently been held. In connection with town planning and its allied subjects there have been held this year an international town planning congress at Ghent, an international road congress, an international housing congress, and an international congress of architects, and, in addition, important congresses on housing and town planning both in London and several provincial towns held under the auspices of the National Housing Reform council, an important congress in town planning held under the auspices of the engineers at Norwich, and also a sanitary congress. This national and international handshaking is certainly of the utmost value in ordinating the work of experts.

Ideal Houses for Poorer Classes. In Huddersfield, England, the borugh council has decided to erect 357 houses for the laboring classes. These houses will be erected in different localities, easy of access, and in districts where good light and air as well as good sanitary conditions can be had.

Equal Suffrage. aqual suffrage prevails in Mexico to large extent. The women are not permitted to vote and the men are afraid to.-Kansas City Journal.

Destroying Dangerous Animals Many wild animals are destroyed every year in India. The following list is for Bengal in 1912, three wild elephants, 132 tigers, 327 leopards, 26 bears, 18 wolves, 2 hyenas and 1,604 ther wild animals, besides 12,674 enakes, and Rs. 13,477 was spent by the government in rewards for their destruction.

Daily Thought. We are all born for love. the principle of existence and its only



-but do not trust them, Paul." "And how about her majesty the

Von Grobelaar smiled wearily, "Her malesty is-Holland," he answered. outburst, and let me see you to your "I, too, am no longer connected with Princess Juliana's room. Lock your Dutch national anthem. But it was door and take this pistol." He drew a written in G major. serviceable weapon from his pocket and handed it to Paul. "But you are siderably. The Dutch national song, not likely to be called upon to use it," like most such, is extremely simple,

> proaches to the palace." It would be difficult for any man to sleep soundly after receiving such innot even undress, but resolving to be print at a cursory examination. faithful to his trust, he started in to was to assure himself that Von Gro- tion was necessarily of the most rudi- and into the body of the chiffonier. of the princess' room was accurate, seum, and this he found to be upon the floor below his, and almost immediate-ly beneath his apartment, except that. That this could have any relation to edge himself defeated. The wire endbeing of considerably larger size, it the conspiracy seemed incredible. But led somewhere in the wood; but unless extended beneath the apartments of he had learned one thing during his he could break the chiffonier into the old gentleman by the hands.

Love them, worship them, serve them [assembly house in the days of the | the instrument and into the body of Dutch republic. It was a grotesquely the Statue of Justice. carved figure of Justice, of heroic size, In an instant Paul was at the base queen?" asked Paul with some indig- and the finger of the uplifted hand of the statue, upon his hands and reached to within two or three inches knees. He saw that the wire ran of the low ceiling. The statue absorbstraight through the wood, and, springed Paul's attention but a moment. He ing to his feet, he commenced cau "And Holland must be preserved, turned to open the harpsichord. Some tiously to clamber up the wheel of the Come, Mr. Lane, forgive an old man's body had evidently been playing on it state carriage until, standing upon the at no remote date, for the dust which | coachman's box, he could see between sleeping quarters. You were not, I lay on it thickly had been carefully the ceiling and the statue's upstretch-think, informed that they are those occupied by her majesty herself when sheet of modern music lay on the fied; the wire ran into the ceiling im- the waves. That button connects with she is in residence here, and that square stool beside it. Paul picked mediately beneath the chiffonier in his the military defense works beside the they command the approach to the this up and examined it. It was the own room above.

in The Hague and command all ap- key of C to that of G interested him

at first as a musician.

spend a watchful night. His first step a child of five, whose musical educarecurred again and again as Paul stud- every inch of the old piece of furniled the piece in the hope of coming ture with scrupulous care, in vain. At

moment he expected to encounter Clohe added, "for two thousand loyal soldiers are at this moment under arms key of C major. The change from the permitted him to make his discovery he reached his own apartment again Upon closer examination Paul per- he was trembling so that he could the secret." He shook his fist in Paul's ceived that the work was not printed scarcely stand, and it was not until face. "You have killed five million

HOLD DEER IN REVERENCE | kill them he was put to death on the | to an enclosure, where their splendid HAD TO THINK THINGS OUT | phone, but could get no response. A | way back to the bed. When I found

and his mother asked: "Were you ringing me?"
"Yes," he said. "Why didn't you

If Paul had prayed to meet no one

make the rest of his examination.

"I heard the bell ringing. I thought it was you and I got up to answer but I could not find the telephone." "Why didn't you turn on the light?"

"I couldn't find the switch. I tried

answer?" ured out where the light switch was.

night, called her up over the tele lost. For a while I could not find my suit I wear at church?"

-Kansas City Star. to feel my way to the switch, but I had been sleeping in it!" "Weil," rehad moved the furniture and I became plied John, "why not? Isn't that the

Peculiar Regard for Animal is Enter tained Throughout the Japanese Empire.

From time immemorial deer have been held in reverent regard by the Japanese. Herds are kept in com-pounds, and the highest respect is paid

"I was just telling Monsieur Lane,"

spot. It was a period of terror. so tame and abundant in the shrine with breathless interest (admission grounds that they, in fine weather, ten sen, equal to about 3 cents). This stroll round to the streets by twos and done, some of the sacred horns are threes and surround pass; rs-by, asking as a custom, awarded to the spectators for food, and sometimes holding their by means of lottery. sleeves in their mouths in an affection

ate manner. to the animals. In olden times the shogun gave the people such a strict order to protect the sacred animals that if anyone happened to hurt or

horns are cut off with a saw, while t Even at the present day the deer are crowd of spectators watch the work

Makes All the Difference

Once, at Least, Moving of Furniture Proved a Trap for Sleepy

Housewife. A woman who lives in a south side apartment made up her mind the other day it would brighten up the rooms

ture were shifted around. She spent the afternoon "shifting" and went to bed, tired. Her son, at

and relieve the monotony if the furni-